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THE OFFICIAL E-NEWSLETTER FROM SUPERVISOR STEVE F. TAYLOR

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Friends:

As Thanksgiving nears I hope that you and your family are healthy and happy. The Milwaukee County Board recently passed the 2014 Operating Budget and for the first time in a decade there will be a tax freeze, which I am sure will make everyone happy.

The budget process was frustrating at times due to a lack of transparency and although I voted against the budget I will say that it is better than last year's. I know that we will never have a budget that I agree with 100% but I strongly feel that we could have done a little bit better.

I am proud to say that the plan I established to improve failing infrastructure in the 9th District was followed by the Board and you will continue to see improvements in 2014.

I truly hope you and your family have a wonderful holiday season. I am thankful for the opportunity that you have given to me to be your elected representative, and I promise to work hard every day. As always, please feel free to contact my office with any concerns you have.

As I have stated in the past, it is an honor to serve you, and, together with your help, I am certain we can continue to *Move Milwaukee County Forward*.

All My Best,

MILWAUKEE COUNTY 2014 BUDGET

The Milwaukee County Board adopted the Milwaukee County 2014 Operating Budget on November 12th. The Budget totals approximately \$1.3 billion and it was approved on a 14-4 vote, with Supervisors Taylor, Borkowski, Alexander and Schmitt voting against it.

Supervisor Taylor voted against the Budget because it contains a number of provisions that he disagrees with, including a series of measures involving budget reductions to the Sheriff's Office that had the potential to undermine public safety. He also voted against approving the tax levy that partially funds the Budget because, while this budget does not raise taxes, a budget that goes beyond that and lowers the existing tax levy would have been preferred.

The most notable aspect of the 2014 Adopted Budget is that the plan Supervisor Taylor put in place for major infrastructure improvements throughout the 9th District remains on track. You may review the schedule of these improvements in the table provided below. Please note that a total of five of the improvement projects are scheduled for 2014.

County Executive Abele vetoed 39 amendments that the County Board adopted to amend his 2014 Recommended Budget.

The County Board in turn overrode 38 of his vetoes, with the sole veto sustained being the elimination of \$100,000.00 in funding for the AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin.

The 2014 Milwaukee County Adopted Budget does not increase the property tax this year. This has not been the case in over a decade and is welcome news for taxpayers throughout the county trying to make ends meet in less than favorable economic conditions.



BUDGET BY THE NUMBERS	9TH DISTRICT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
<p>Total 2014 Budget Expenditure \$1,306,950,613</p> <p>2014 Budget Revenue General Revenue: \$990,152,860 Bonds: \$37,476,557 Tax Levy: \$279,321,196</p> <p>2014 Budget Tax Levy Increase 0%</p> <p>For additional information please click here to visit the Budget Section on the Milwaukee County website.</p>	<p>2014 – South 68th Street: Ryan Rd. to House of Correction</p> <p>2014 – South North Cape Road: Hi-View Dr. to Carroll Cir.</p> <p>2014 – Ryan Road Culvert East of South 112th Street</p> <p>2014 – South 76th Street: Imperial Dr. to Puetz Rd.</p> <p>2015 – West St. Martins Road: North Cape Rd. to Lovers Lane Rd.</p> <p>2015 – Old Loomis Road: Warwick Way to Rawson Ave.</p> <p>2015 – Old Loomis Road: Rawson Ave. to 76th St.</p> <p>2015 – Whitnall Park Bridges Over Root River</p> <p>2015 – Hales Corners Pool and Bathhouse Roof Rehabilitation</p> <p>2016 – South 13th Street: Rawson Ave. to Drexel Ave.</p> <p>2017 – South 13th Street: Drexel Ave. to Puetz Rd.</p> <p>2019 – South 13th Street: Puetz Rd. to Ryan Rd.</p>

LEGISLATIVE ROUNDUP

In addition to passing the Milwaukee County 2014 Operating Budget, Milwaukee County Board took up legislation at its regularly scheduled November 7, 2013 meeting. The most notable legislation the Board considered includes:

- 14-4 (No: Alexander, Mayo, Schmitt, Taylor) to override a veto by the County Executive on a resolution directing the County Executive to negotiate an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Milwaukee and Milwaukee County for the operation and regulation of taxicab service (12 votes were needed to override the veto).
- 18-0 vote to apply for and accept a State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation grant in the amount of \$1,370,307.40 for traffic mitigation for the Interstate 794 Lake Freeway/Hoan Bridge Rehabilitation and Interstate 43/94 bridge rehabilitation projects from 2013 through 2015.
- 18-0 vote to authorize the Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture and the Information Management Services Division to conduct a feasibility assessment of the County's ability to provide wireless networking services throughout the Milwaukee County Parks System.

HALES CORNERS ICE RINK TO BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC THIS WINTER

The Friends of Hales Corners Park & Pool are pleased to announce that – weather permitting – phase one of the Alyson Dudek International Ice Center will be open to the public on December 15, 2013. The ice rink will be located in Hales Corners Park near the basketball courts and Veterans Memorial.

People of all ages will be able to enjoy free, outdoor ice skating on the 64' x 88' ice rink. Plans are for the ice rink to be a permanent winter venue in the Village of Hales Corners in honor of Hales Corners hero Alyson Dudek who won the Bronze medal in short track speed skating with her teammates at the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver. Alyson is currently on the U.S. World Cup Team working toward the 2014 Olympics in Russia.



This project is a public-private partnership between the Friends, Milwaukee County Parks Department, Village of Hales Corners, and private businesses, all of whom have been diligently working together the last 24 months to get to this point. An outdoor picnic pavilion with restrooms is planned for 2014.

For more information about the Friends of Hales Corners Park & Pool and the ice rink project, visit their website: www.halescornerspark.com. Friends of Hales Corners Park & Pool is an organization of citizens who have been active since 2003 with the mission of keeping the Hales Corners pool open and expanding efforts to include other developments and improvements within the park for the benefit of families and youth from all communities in the area. Their hard work and diligence is deserving of highest commendations.

NEW SABER STADIUM FUNDRAISING PROJECT

Residents of Franklin recently formed the Saber Stadium Project Committee with a goal to enhance the existing athletics field and track at Franklin High School. The committee's goal is to raise \$2.1 million for a new synthetic turf field, eight-lane competition track and stadium lighting.

SABER STADIUM PROJECT

Franklin High School Athletic Fields - Franklin, WI

The project is entirely donor-funded and the committee hopes to raise funds relatively quickly in order to have the renovations completed in time for the 2014-15 season.

Please visit the [project web page](#) and consider donating toward this worthy cause.



WATERTOWN PLANK ROAD INTERCHANGE GROUNDBREAKING

Supervisor Taylor joined Governor Scott Walker, Wisconsin Department of Transportation (DOT) Secretary Mark Gottlieb, local officials, businesses, contractors, workers and community members in a groundbreaking ceremony to mark the start of work on the US 45 and Watertown Plank Road Interchange project. The work signifies the start of the broader \$1.7 billion reconstruction of the Zoo Interchange.

The Zoo Interchange improvements will enhance the transportation infrastructure in the Milwaukee area, ensuring smooth travel through the area.

The US 45 and Watertown Plank Road Interchange segment represents a \$66.8 million investment.

This work will be done by Zenith Tech, a Wisconsin-based company and the new Watertown Plank Road Interchange is scheduled for completion in late 2014. Work on other parts of the Zoo Interchange project will go through 2018.

The Zoo Interchange is the busiest in the State of Wisconsin, carrying 350,000 vehicles daily. Watertown Plank Road serves 19,080 average daily travelers, while US 45 at the interchange serves 169,600 (Source: Governor Walker's Office).



Supervisor Taylor joined Governor Walker, County Executive Abele, and other dignitaries in turning ground with ceremonial shovels at the groundbreaking ceremony.

SAM'S CLUB GRAND RE-OPENING IN FRANKLIN

The Sam's Club store, located at 6705 S. 27th Street in Franklin, celebrated its grand re-opening on Friday, October 4th. The celebration marked a completion of a six-month renovation project worth between \$4 and \$6 million.

Supervisor Taylor joined other elected officials and store employees for the grand re-opening celebration.

The store's interior was completely remodeled, with new floors, equipment and fixtures, as well as expansion of the fresh-food area. The store now also features a new tobacco center.



Supervisor Taylor with members of the Franklin Common Council, store representatives and other dignitaries at Sam's Club Franklin store grand re-opening ceremony.

FRANKLIN POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS' CHARITY DINNER

The City of Franklin Police and Fire Departments held their fundraising spaghetti dinner on Thursday October 17th at the Polish Center of Wisconsin.

The proceeds from the event were donated to Kayla's Krew - a charity organization intending to build an all-accessible, all-inclusive playground in Franklin for all children and families of all ages and abilities - as well as other children's charities.

Supervisor Taylor had the pleasure of attending the event. A total of 554 spaghetti dinners were served which amounted to \$7,613.00 in contributions. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all those who came out in support of this worthy cause.

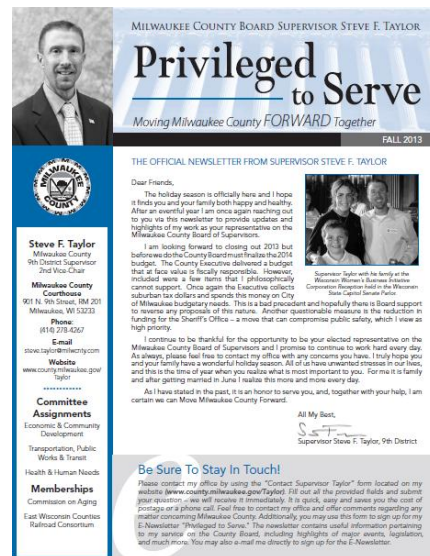


PRIVILEGED TO SERVE - PRINT EDITION

In the coming few weeks you should be receiving the annual print edition of Privileged to Serve, the official newsletter issued by Supervisor Taylor's Office.

The newsletter includes highlights of major events that took place in 2013 throughout the 9th District that Supervisor Taylor was involvement with. It also features prominent businesses that have achieved important milestones operating in our community, as well as individuals who helped better it.

The newsletter also includes Milwaukee County 2014 Budget analysis as it pertains to capital improvements in the 9th District. We hope that you find it informative.



WEHR NATURE CENTER

Holiday Cookie Exchange

Sat, December 7, 11am – 4pm

Come join the fun and get a nice variety of homemade cookies for your holiday entertaining. Be a baker and exchange your cookies or simply come to purchase cookies.

To exchange cookies, bring 4-10 dozen cookies packaged into dozen or ½ dozen packages. One dozen of your cookies will be donated to the cookie sale and the rest will be included in the exchange.

Family Free Day at the Zoo

December 7, 2013

The Milwaukee County Zoo invites you to take advantage of free admission on December 7th. Bring the family and enjoy many indoor and outdoor animal exhibits the Zoo has to offer.

Regular parking, rental and concession rates still apply.

Still looking for more to do?!
Please click [here](#) for the entire Milwaukee County Parks Event Calendar

Milwaukee County Free Days!

Complimentary admission to Milwaukee County residents ONLY with valid photo ID on the following days:



MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM
FREE the first Thursday of every month

Free for all visitors. Visit www.mam.org for additional information.



FREE on Mondays

Visit www.mpm.edu/visit/free-days/ for additional information.



FREE Days for 2013:
1/5, 2/2, 3/2, 4/6, 11/2 & 12/7

Special Holidays:
Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day & New Year's Day

Visit www.milwaukeezoo.org



FREE on Mondays
from 9:00 a.m. - Noon

Excludes major holidays.
Visit www.milwaikedomes.org for additional information.

BOERNER CORNER

Exciting New Classes Coming Next Year!

The staff of Boerner Botanical Gardens has been busy planning exciting activities and events for the upcoming year. They are also looking forward to their 75 year anniversary next year! Here is a short preview of what's in store for early next year:

WinterFest

Sunday, January 26, 2014 - 10am-2pm

Winter walk through Boerner's winter landscape. Learn how & why plants, animals, and humans respond to the changing seasons.

The Histories and Mysteries of Chocolate

Thursday January 30, 2014 - 6:30pm-8:00pm

Red Elephant Chocolate Café will lead us through the history and mysteries of chocolate. Tastings and chocolate mint planting included.

Herbal Soap Making

Saturday February 8, 2014 - 10:00am-11:30am

Moot's Soaps will demonstrate the steps for making your own cold-pressed soap using vegetable oils and pure, therapeutic essential oils.

GLOW SKATE AT THE WILCON ICE ARENA

Friday, Nov. 29, 2013 (Black Friday)

6:30-9 p.m.

\$5 per person*

Head to the Wilson Ice Arena to lace up those skates and work off that Thanksgiving turkey- and stuffing, and pumpkin pie! See the glow as you skate to the music.

Admission includes a glow-in-the-dark necklace, skate rental (if needed), and an entry into drawings for door prizes

**Children age 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult. Parents, caregivers or others who choose not to skate may watch the event free of charge.*